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SIR:

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JUNE 4, 2002 OFFICE  
ACTION AND PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued June 4, 2002 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the June 4, 2002 Office Action was due September 4, 2002. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time from September 4, 2002 to October 4, 2002. The fee for a one-month extension of time is \$55.00 for a small entity and a check including this amount is enclosed. Accordingly, a response to the June 4, 2002 Office Action is now due October 4, 2002 and this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 10 and 11 without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in this or a subsequent application.

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